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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 1997, kindly amend the instant application as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 1, line 3, before "member" insert --continuous--

Add the following new claims:

The endovascular support device according to claim A wherein the plurality of stent members are not connected to one another.

The endovascular support device according to claim 4 wherein each stent member is continuous.